(d) if so, the extent to which the amendments in the Act is going to plug the loopholes and curb the increasing economic offences in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, associations, which are covered under the said Act, are required to furnish intimation in regard to receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution by them, on yearly basis, duly certified by a Chartered Accountant, to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The monitoring of foreign contributions is done through the returns submitted by such associations. The Central Government is also empowered under the Act to order inspection of accounts or records or audit books of accounts of such associations.

(c) and (d) Government is considering certain changes in the law governing the receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution by voluntary organisations to remove shortcomings noticed in the present law.

Enhancing the amount given to the convicts for starting a new life

4274. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a convict gets Rs. 5,000/- from Government to begin a new life and that amount has remained unchanged for years;

(b) whether this amount is adequate to begin a new life;

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to enhance that amount suitably; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) 'Prisons' is a State subject, as per entry 4 of List II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. It is, therefore, for the State Governments to take a decision in the matter.